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Dear Sir:

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

United States Patent Application No. 09/887,569

Entitled: Expression of Somatotropin in Plant Seeds

Inventors: Maurice M. Moloney and Hamid R. Habibi

Filing Date: June 25, 2001

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The present letter is filed in response to the office action of September 23, 2002.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, the claims readable thereon as being claims 17-18, 20 and 23-25. This is without prejudice to Applicant filing divisional application to the Group II invention.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 364-7311 at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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